

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 14 of the specification, please replace the paragraph starting with “SDH Architecture consists of four layers as shown in **Fig. 1B.**” with the following paragraph:

SDH Architecture consists of four layers as shown in **FIG. 1B**. The SDH layers are similar to SONET layers as described above but use different terminology. A Physical Layer 112B, 122B, 132B, 142B, 152B, and 162B is similar to the SONET Physical Layer. A Regenerator Section Layer 114B, 124B, 134B, 144B, 154B, and 164B is similar to the SONET Section Layer. A Multiplex Section Layer 136B, 146B, 156B, and 166B is similar to the SONET Line Layer. A Path Layer 158B and 168B is similar to the SONET Path Layer. A physical medium 172B connects physical layers. A regenerator section 174B or span forms a logical connection between regenerator section layers. A multiplex section 176B or line forms a logical connection between multiplex section layers. A path 178B forms a logical connection between path layers. The Regenerator Section Overhead (RSOH) is interpreted and modified or created by Regenerator Section Terminating Equipment (RSTE) 110B and 120B. The Multiplex Section Overhead (MSOH) is interpreted and modified or created by Multiplex Section Terminating Equipment (MSTE) 130B and 140B. The Path Section Overhead (POH) is interpreted and modified or created by Path Terminating Equipment (PTE) 150B and 160B.